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CITY ELECTION BOARD SETS DATES FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

(St. Louis, MO) In response to the Notice of Election received from the City Register yesterday, the City Election Board today confirmed that it will hold Special Municipal Elections on Tuesday, September 13, and Tuesday, November 8, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lewis Reed as President of the Board of Aldermen. Under the City's Municipal Code, a vacancy in the office of the President of the Board is required to be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, at the next general city or state election held not less than sixty days after the vacancy occurs, which will be on Nov. 8. Under Ordinance 71410 (Proposition D), however, a special primary election is required to enable anyone who wants to run for the position to do so as a "non-partisan" candidate by submitting a nominating petition containing the signatures of at least 2% of the registered voters who voted in the April 6, 2021 mayoral election (i.e., 1,175 signatures). On Sept. 13, voters will be able to vote for as many candidates as they want, with the two candidates receiving the most votes advancing to the November 8 Special General Municipal Election.

The deadline for submitting nominating petitions is 60 days before the date of the Special Primary Municipal Election, or by the close of business on Friday, July 15. Absentee voting for the September 13 Special Primary Municipal Election will begin on Tuesday, August 2.

For more information on the Sept. 13 and Nov. 8 Special Municipal Elections, visit the Board's website at www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/board-election-commissioners/ or call 314-622-4336.

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